



# Cambridge O Level

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## ISLAMIC STUDIES

2068/02

Paper 2 Development, Sources, Beliefs and Observances

For examination from 2025

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total, **one** from each section.  
Answer all parts of the questions you have chosen.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **three** questions.

Choose **one** question from each section.

You must answer **all** parts of the questions you have chosen.

### Section A: The Four Pious Caliphs

- 1 (a) Outline how Abu Bakr came to follow Islam. [4]  
 (b) Explain the circumstances in which Abu Bakr came to lead the Muslims as Caliph. [10]  
 (c) Discuss the importance of Abu Bakr's rule for the three Caliphs who came after him. [6]  
 [Total: 20]
- 2 (a) Give **two** examples of piety shown by 'Ali. [4]  
 (b) Describe **one** difficulty 'Ali faced as Caliph and how he responded to it. [10]  
 (c) Discuss the significance of issues Muslims faced at the end of 'Ali's caliphate. [6]  
 [Total: 20]

### Section B: The Qur'an, Hadith and Muslim beliefs and practices

- 3 (a) State **four** categories of hadith. [4]  
 (b) Explain **two** ways the Prophet (pbuh) received revelations. [10]  
 (c) Discuss the different ways in which the Qur'an is significant in a Muslim's life today. [6]  
 [Total: 20]
- 4 (a) Describe **four** conditions necessary for fasting to be properly carried out. [4]  
 (b) Explain how Muslims observe the Night of Power (Laylat al-Qadr). [10]  
 (c) Discuss the significance of Ramadan for communities today. [6]  
 [Total: 20]

**Section C: Festivals, rituals and social interactions in the lives of Muslims**

- 5** (a) Explain the preparations for burial and the funeral service (*janazah*). [12]  
(b) Evaluate the importance of Muslim traditions for remembering the dead. [8]  
[Total: 20]
- 6** (a) Describe what happens when 'Id al-Fitr is announced. [12]  
(b) Evaluate the importance of charity on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr. [8]  
[Total: 20]

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